## TAFT OR BRYAN TO BE NEXT PRESIDENT

Despite Claims of Allies, Old Stagers Regard This as Pretty Well Settled.

WHICH MOST AVAILABLE NOW CHIEF QUESTION

Republicans Have Many Misgivings About Their Candidate, While Many Democrats Fear Bryan Cannot Win-No More Third Term

Talk.

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ESPITE the voelferous claims of
the allies that the nomination
of Secretary Taft is by no
means a certainty, and the noless vigorous claims of the opposition of Mr. Bryan that Governor Johnson, or Judge Gray, or Senato Culberson, or some Democrat other than the statesman from Nebrasks, will be made the nominee of the Denver convention, the old stagers in politics have settled down to the conviction that William Howard Taft or William Jen-nings Eryan will be the next President of the United States.



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The first of the f while on the United States bench. Judge Taft succeeded in making about as many enemies as any man could-make occupying his position the same length of time. He secured the hearty lit will of about every workingman in the country, and there are indications that he has retained this, despite streamous efforts of his friends to obliterate this sentiment. The sincere opposition of the labor people to Secretary Taft has manifested itself on numerous occasions in the past few months, and is likely to prove a most potent factor in the coming campaign.

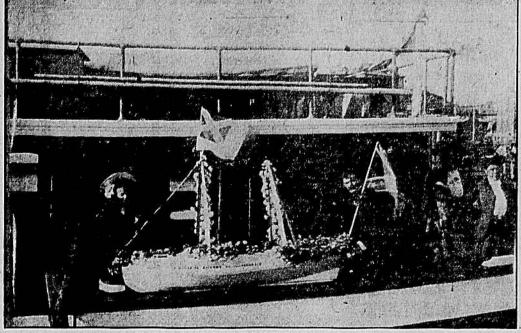
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The fact that the influence of Wall Street is being exerted to procure the nomination of Secretary Taft would of itself start him in the race with a fearful handicap. That Wall Street is being district the United States Sieel Corporation was friendliest to his candidacy. The fact that the influence of the street is nearly was being used in behalf of his candidacy for the nomination, and would be exerted to procure his election, became known more recently.

The very influence which proved nost powerful in procuring the nomination of Secretary Taft will prove a source of weakness in his campaign for election. Undoubtedly, Federal for election of the provent and the provent of the fact that the influence of the street is being careful to the fact that the influence of the street is being the provided the fact that the influence of the street is being the provided the fact that the influence of the street is being the provided the fact that the influence of the fact that the influence of the street is being the provided the fact that the late of the fact

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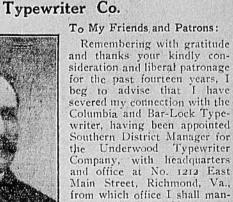


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Dameron, of Kansas, to notify Mr.
Bryan of his nomination, and another committee to notify Senator Culberson, the convention was adjourned.
Washington and Lee University is one of the few institutions in the country and the only one in the South which has had such a unique and instructive has had such a unique and instructive affair. The convention stirred up a great deal of interest among the students, especially between the Bryan and Johnson factions, and it was thus made a great success.

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also published a political paper called "The Democrat," and the board of editors are to be congratulated on this effective organ. Both Temporary Chairman Kenny and Permanent Chairman Grubb presided with great ability and

Robbed Widows.

Mr. Williams admitted that there was a time when there was intimidation and fraud in his section of the country, but there was some extenuation for it, "when a great race was engaged in saving its civilization. There never was, however," he exclaimed, "any excuse or extenuation for the Republican party in its program of wholesale bribery in 1893, 1906 and 1904, when that party took the money belonging to widows and orphans and never had the manhood nor the justice to return it."

At one time, he said, President Roosevelt had the manhood to say that the Republican committee ought to return the money "that had been fliched from the widows and orphans and beneficiaries and policyholders of the New York Life and New York Mutual Insurance Companies."

Crossing the alsie and pointing his leases at Mr. Payne, Mr. Williams

